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INDIANA'S HOG INVENTORY INCREASES

Indiana producers had a total inventory of 3.10 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Market hogs, at 2.79 million head were 3 percent above last year. Breeding inventory, at 310,000 head, was up 7 percent from last year. Sows farrowed totaled 130,000 during the December 2005 - February 2006 quarter, unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Pig crop, at 1.16 million head, increased 2 percent from last year with a litter rate averaging 8.95, up 2 percent from the same period in 2005. Indiana producers intend to farrow 135,000 sows during the March - May 2006 period, and 145,000 sows during the June - August 2006 period. If realized, farrowings during the March - May 2006 period would be unchanged, but farrowings during the June - August period would be up 5,000 (4 percent) from 2005.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was estimated at 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 2005, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. The December 2005 - February 2006 U.S. pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 9.03 pigs saved per litter for the December 2005 - February 2006 period, compared to 8.94 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March - May 2006 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2004 and 2005. Intended farrowings for June - August 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

MARCH 1 HOGS AND PIGS INDIANA AND UNITED STATES 2005-2006

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2005	2006	06 as % of 05	2005	2006	06 as % of 05
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Hogs and Pigs, March 1	3,000	3,100	103	59,699	60,104	101
Breeding Hogs	290	310	107	5,941	6,025	101
Market Hogs	2,710	2,790	103	53,757	54,079	101
Under 60 Pounds	1,000	1,020	102	19,667	19,838	101
60-119 Pounds	650	710	109	13,087	13,114	100
120-179 Pounds	570	560	98	11,360	11,317	100
180 Pounds and over	490	500	102	9,644	9,811	102
Farrowing, Dec 1/ - Feb						
Sows Farrowing	130	130	100	2,835	2,840	100
Pigs Per Litter	8.80	8.95	102	8.94	9.03	101
Pig Crop 2/	1,144	1,164	102	25,343	25,654	101
Sows Farrowing						
March - August	275	280	3/ 102	5,800	5,819	3/ 100
March - May	135	135	3/ 100	2,882	2,896	3/ 100
June - August	140	145	3/ 104	2,918	2,923	3/ 100

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.

3/ Intentions.

